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SUBJECT: VISIT OF GOM MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINES

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1. WE HAVE ASKED MOROCCAN EMBASSY TO PROPOSE THAT MINISTER
SAADI ARRIVE IN U.S. NO LATER THAN MARCH 21 IN ORDER TO
ALLOW TIME FOR WASHINGTON MEETINGS, MARCH 22-24. IN
ADDITION TO MEETINGS WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER, WITH
BUMINES, AND WITH USGS, MOROCCAN EMBASSY ADVISES THAT
MINISTER SAADI SHOULD SEE EXIMBANK AND IBRD. THESE MEET-
INGS NOW BEING SCHEDULED STARTING MARCH 22.

2. USDOC HAS PREPARED FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY ITINERARY FOR
MINISTER'S MEETINGS OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON:
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3. SUNDAY MARCH 26, P.M., FLY TO PITTSBURGH VIA WESTING-
HOUSE PLANE; MONDAY MARCH 27, MEETING AT WESTINGHOUSE
CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, VISIT NUCLEAR CENTER, EVENING,
FLY TO FLORIDA VIA WESTINGHOUSE PLANE; TUESDAY MARCH 28,
VISIT WYOMING MINERALS URANIUM EXTRACTION PLANT; WEDNESDAY
MARCH 29, MORNING, FLY TO DENVER VIA WESTINGHOUSE PLANE,

VISIT ENERGETICS COMPANY FOR BRIEFING ON PINE VIEW PETROLEUM DEPOSIT, P.M. VISIT WYOMING MINERALS URANIUM MINES;

THURSDAY MARCH 30, VISIT OIL SHALE DEPOSITS WITH TOSCO CORPORATION IN COMPANY PLANE, EVENING, FLY TO LOS ANGELES IN TOSCO PLANE; FRIDAY MARCH 31, A.M., MEETINGS AT TOSCO CORPORATION HEADQUARTERS, P.M., FREE; SATURDAY APRIL 1, A.M. MEETING WITH UNION OIL COMPANY AT HEADQUARTERS IN BREA, CALIFORNIA, P.M., TOUR OF DISNEYLAND (OPTIONAL); SUNDAY APRIL 2, A.M., FREE, P.M., COMMERCIAL FLIGHT TO MINNEAPOLIS; MONDAY APRIL 3, EARLY A.M., COMMERCIAL FLIGHT TO HIBBING, MINNESOTA, TOUR OF IRON ORE MINES AND LUNCH WITH OGLEBAY NORTON COMPANY, 4 P.M., LEAVING HIBBING FOR MINNEAPOLIS ON COMMERCIAL FLIGHT, FLY TO CLEVELAND ON COMMERCIAL FLIGHT, ARRIVE LATE EVENING; TUESDAY APRIL 4, MEETINGS WITH OGLEBAY NORTON COMPANY AT HEADQUARTERS.

4. COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES WOULD APPRECIATE NAMES OF OFFICIALS ACCOMPANYING MINISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. CONTACTS IN COMPANIES ARE: FRANK DELZIO, VICE PRESIDENT MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA, WESTINGHOUSE; ROBERT B. CROOKSTON, MANAGER OF MINING, TOSCO; GERRY U. SIMMONS, SUPERVISOR OF TECHNOLOGY SALES, UNION OIL COMPANY; EDWARD R. NEWITT, VICE PRESIDENT CORPORATE PLANNING, OGLEBAY NORTON COMPANY; ROBERT L. MEHL, ENERGETICS.
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5. ENERGETICS COMPANY IS PART OWNER OF PINE VIEW PETROLEUM DEPOSIT. CHIEF GEOLOGIST CLARE GREGG WITH AMERICAN QUASAR (COMPANY WHICH DISCOVERED DEPOSIT) WILL NOT BE IN DENVER WHEN MINISTER IS THERE. HOWEVER, HEWITT, OGLEBAY NORTON, WHO DISCUSSED DEPOSIT WITH MINISTER WAS VERY MUCH IMPRESSED BY PRESENTATION GIVEN BY ENERGETICS. HEWITT AND BOTH ENERGETICS AND AMERICAN QUASAR REPS SAY THAT PRESENTATION IN DENVER WILL BE MORE USEFUL THAN VISIT TO ACTUAL SITE. GEOLOGISTS IN DENVER GIVE EXTENSIVE TECHNICAL BRIEFING (INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHS). VISIT TO SITE WOULD ALSO NECESSITATE ELIMINATION OF SOMETHING ELSE.

6. SINCE THE ABOVE TENTATIVE TRAVEL SCHEDULE FOR SAADI WAS WORKED OUT, BCIU DIRECTOR JOHN HABBERTON AND OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM REPRESENTATIVE TAZEWELL SHEPPARD HAVE INDICATED INTEREST IN PROGRAMMING SAAID FOR ADDITIONAL VISITS. HABBERTON THINKS MEETINGS WITH U.S. STEEL AND BETHLEHEM STEEL WOULD BE PROFITABLE. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO INCORPORATE THESE SUGGESTIONS INTO EXISTING ITINERARY, IF POSSIBLE (E.G., POSSIBLE MEETINGS WITH OCCIDENTAL IN

LOS ANGELES AFTERNOON OF MARCH 31). ALTERNATIVE IS FOR SAADI TO STAY IN U.S. SLIGHTLY LONGER THAN TWO WEEK TIME FRAME INITIALLY INDICATED. PLEASE ADVISE IF SAADI DESIRES TO PROLONG VISIT.

7. MOROCCAN EMBASSY HERE HAD EARLIER ADVISED US THAT THEY HAD ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH SAADI ABOUT VISIT, AND WE WERE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT HE HAD RECEIVED NO WORD. EMBASSY ASSURES US THAT THEY ARE SENDING FULL PROPOSED PROGRAM BY TELEX IN PARALLEL TO THIS MESSAGE. EMBASSY IS ALSO INQUIRING WHETHER SAADI WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF BILATERAL NUCLEAR AGREEMENT IN HIS WASHINGTON MEETINGS. VANCE

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